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RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Annual Report

(INTERIM)

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

For the Year 1940.

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To:—

**The Chairman and Members of the
DERWENT RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.**

The Minister of Health has intimated that a short Interim Report only should be prepared for the year 1940.

W. BERTRAM HILL,

Medical Officer of Health.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

The usual Table (II) is appended showing the number of Notifications of acute Infectious Disease and of Tuberculosis.

There was a slight decrease in the number of cases of Scarlet Fever.

Cerebro-spinal Meningitis. Three cases occurred, two in the Parish of Fulford and one in the Parish of Barlby.

There were no deaths.

Average for 4 years	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Erysipelas	Cerebro- spinal Meningitis	Pulmonary Tuberculosis	Non- Pulmonary Tuberculosis
1935—						
1938	.... 8	17	2.7	.5	9	3.7
1939	.... 10	33	3	—	4	2
1940	.... 10	15	5	3	9	6

TUBERCULOSIS.

Nine Pulmonary and 6 Non-Pulmonary cases were notified compared with 4 Pulmonary and 2 Non-Pulmonary in the previous year.

MINOR INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

Measles was epidemic from July till the end of the year, and the outbreak has lasted till the end of May (1941).

Ten of the 18 Parishes were involved.

The disease was generally of a mild type and no deaths have been certified as due to the condition.

DIPHTHERIA.

A Scheme for the Immunisation of all children attending the Schools in the Area has been formulated, and the treatment is being administered by three medical practitioners practising in the District.

The percentage of Consent Forms received to date is approximately 66.

It has also been made known that the Scheme extends to the children of Pre-School age.

GOVERNMENT EVACUATION SCHEME.

The number of children remaining in the District at the close of the year was:—

- (a). School Children, 561.
- (b) Mothers with Children, 41 (49 Children).

Sick Bay. A Sick Bay has been established in Fulford with accommodation for 24 Children.

Children suffering from Scabies and Septic Skin conditions are treated in a special Hostel situated in Snaith in the Goole Rural District; and "difficult" Children are accommodated in a hostel in the Selby Urban District.

CIVIL DEFENCE.

Civilian Deaths. Buildings to be used as temporary Mortuaries have been earmarked in the more populous parishes and necessary equipment has been obtained.

Owing to several representations from the Coroner to the effect that he was dissatisfied with the inadequate accommodation for the reception of bodies, the District Council has erected a Mortuary adjacent to the building which has been converted into a First Aid Post.

Food Supply. Preparations are being made for dealing with gas contaminated Food Stuffs. It has been arranged that Food Stuffs from the Parish of Barlby requiring treatment shall be removed into the Selby Urban District. Endeavour is being made to discover a suitable building to serve the Northern portion of the Rural District.



